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SUBJECT: UGANDA: AMIN'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: (A) WHITING/MOATS TELCON OF 2300Z, FEB. 28,

(B) STATE 43705, (C) STATE 43988

1. AT APPROX. 2230Z FONOFF BEGAN TRYING TO RAISE FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA BY TELEPHONE TO CONFIRM REPORT THAT AMIN'S WEDNESDAY MEETING WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. AT 2330Z FONOFF FINALLY MADE CONTACT WITH ELLERKMANN. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, ELLERKMANN SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING CONCERNING ANY POSTPONEMENT OF WEDNESDAY MEETING BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE GOU MAY BE PLANNING TO DO SO. HE WILL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ASAP. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT IT WAS NEARLY 3:00 A.M. IN KAMPALA WILL PROBABLY DELAY HIS EFFORTS TO GET CONFIRMATION UNTIL MORNING.

2. ELLERKMANN SAID THAT HE HAS TRIED REPEATEDLY ALL DAY TO GET AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE PRESIDENT AMIN TO DELIVER STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. HIS EFFORTS
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HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL SO FAR. FONOFF INFORMED HIM OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL C AND ELLERKMANN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TRY AGAIN TO GET APPOINTMENT.

3. ELLERKMANN SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT DEUTSCHE WELLE WAS REPORTING THAT A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT AMIN HAD BEEN DELIVERED. HE

REQUESTED THAT THE FONOFF DO ALL POSSIBLE TO HAVE THESE APPARENTLY ERRONEOUS REPORTS STOPPED AND ASKED IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT DEUTSCHE WELLE'S REPORTS FROM BEING PICKED UP BY BBC OR U.S. NEWS SERVICES.

4. THE TELEPHONE CONNECTION WAS NOT GOOD, WE ARE TOLD, AND ELLERKMANN MADE NO MENTION OF ANY CHANGE IN THE LOCAL SITUATION. THE FONOFF INTERPRETS THIS AS MEANING ALL CALM IN KAMPALA AT PRESENT.

5. AFTER TALKING WITH ELLERKMANN, FONOFF CONTACTED DEUTSCHE WELLE AND REQUESTED THAT ERRONEOUS BROADCASTS BE HALTED. FONOFF WONDERS IF PERHAPS DEPARTMENT COULD NOT ISSUE CLARIFICATION TO GET THE SAME MESSAGE TO OTHER BROADCASTERS.

6. FONOFF TELLS US THAT ELLERKMANN DID NOT REACT NEGATIVELY TO IDEA OF POSTPONEMENT OF WEDNESDAY MEETING AND SEEMS TO SHARE HIS EVALUATION THAT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ANYTHING AWRY. PERHAPS, IN FONOFF VIEW, IT COULD BE TENSION-REDUCING MEASURE BY AMIN. STOESEL

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